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1. CHANG Chih-chung claims that the dangers of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for China, for world peace, and for the party's own success in organizing the country arise from the present ascendancy of LIU Shao-chi's group within the civilian wing of the CCP. LIU has direct connections with the MVD, set up during three trips to the USSR between 1935 and 1943. During this period he also established contact with Malenkov*, with whom he is personally most intimate.
2. MAO Tse-tung feels that this tie-up with the MVD is a steadily increasing threat to his position, which is essentially maintained because of his control over the military through CHU Te.
3. CHOU En-lai, whose wife is now in Shanghai in his behalf but is under close surveillance by LIU operatives, is a poor third in the struggle and is most vulnerable to LIU's methods.**

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably Georgi M. Malenkov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Secretary of the Central Committee.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. Recent uncharacteristic public speeches by CHOU may most easily be interpreted to mean that LIU has some hold over CHOU.

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